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Dear Parents/Carers

Please accept my apologies for not having a newsletter out to you for some time! This isn't because I have had nothing to say but to the contrary, I have been so busy I have struggled to find time. So I will keep this brief...

First I would like to say thank you.

A very big thank you to all the staff and children for working so hard up to and during the SATs. This is a huge team effort and everyone who has had any contact with the children in their school life is part of the team that got them to their SATs. Well done and I look forward to being able to celebrate the end of a busy year with you at your summer performances.

Another big thank you to Samantha Ramsey who has chaired the Friends of Holy Trinity Rosehill School (FOHTRS) for the past 2 years and to Philippa Forster, the Treasurer. We are all very grateful for your hard work and dedication to the roles. Amongst other things the funds you helped to raise will be helping the school develop the much needed new nursery area. The FOHTRS AGM and next meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at 15:30 and I am sure they would welcome new volunteers.

And a final huge thank you to the Children's Fundraising Committee. By the end of the school year they will have raised over a whopping £4,000! This money will be used to purchase iPads for the children to use in school. Mrs Swift will be bringing the bid to the Resources Committee next week to be authorised.

With the help of FOHTRS we are well on the way to raising the £15,000 that the school needs to contribute towards the cost of the new nursery. Easy Fundraising is a cost free way for you to help the school raise money. There are a few parents that have had a go (another thank you to you) but it seems to have stalled. Please give it a go next time you want to order something online, if you use this 'refer a friend' link they will match your first £5 raised. You can share this referral link with your friends and family too and help raise even more.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/G17KV5/>

Save this link in your favourites to use once you're registered to make it even easier or put the free app on your smart device.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holytrinityrhps/?q=holy%20trinity%20rose&cat=cause-autosuggest>

## Governance

We recently had a Governor Development Day. We hold one each term to help with our continuing development and our understanding of the school and its current needs. This time we looked at a Governor Induction Policy to ensure that any new Governors understand the role and the commitment needed and are given the right support and training from the word go. We also looked at the [Church of England's Statement of Entitlement for Religious Education](#). You can find a copy of it by clicking on the title. In the afternoon we were joined by Jo Warner, Assistant Director from the Diocesan Board of Education. Jo is helping us get to grips with the new SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) schedule. The new schedule started in 2018 and changed the ratings to "ineffective as a church school", "good" and "excellent". We know our school is a great church school so we want to ensure any future inspections reflect that. Training with Jo will help to ensure the Governing Body isn't the weak link. Following development day, we went straight into a School Improvement and Ethos Committee meeting. The lesson we learnt from this was 9:00 until 19:00 is too long! So no more committee meetings following a development day. Jo observed the first part of the meeting and offered us some feedback on the areas we were doing well and things we could improve. Thank you to Dr Darren Gobby for taking on the extra commitment as Chair of this committee.

I've recently been approached by members of our local community about the way some parents park at drop off and pick up times. I would like to reiterate Mrs Swift's request to please remember when visiting school, to park with consideration to pedestrians, home owners and other road users. Please also pass this message on to any of your family members that visit school.

If you are concerned about parking outside of school, please do both of the following:

- Report any incidents to 101 – the non-emergency police number
- Report your concerns to Stockton LA Parking enforcement 01642 528439

Finally thank you to parents with children on the Rosehill Site for embracing the new gate system. I've dropped off my own daughter at nursery twice since the trial started. I do think it is not only improving the safety of our children but it is also a pleasure to be able to watch them play before school without dodging adults. As always if you have any concerns please raise them with your child's class teacher using their contact book.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Himsworth  
Chair of Governors

